

# Weather Forecast

Colder tonight, with fresh to strong winds.  
Temperatures today—Highest, 56, at 11:30 a.m.;  
lowest, 44, at 3:10 a.m.; 50 at 4 p.m.

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# JAVA ATTACK IMMINENT, PEOPLE WARNED

## President Says Supplies for Russia Will Reach Full Pace by March 1

### Late News Bulletins

**Arrest Made for Interfering With Navy Radio**  
HAVANA (AP)—A Spanish Falangist was arrested today on a charge of "systematic radio interference" with the United States naval station at Guantanamo. Antolin Falcon, chief of the Bureau of Investigation, said the suspect, Luis Barcana Cardin, chief of a local radio station plant, had interfered deliberately with the United States broadcasts.

### Strike Closes Alcoa Plant Again

DETROIT (AP)—A second strike within 72 hours today closed the Detroit plant of the Aluminum Co. of America, which manufactures parts for airplane engine factories and other defense industries. An estimated 800 employees on the day shift walked out, many of the strikers forming picket lines around the plant.

### W. P. B. Bares 'Dollar-a-Year' Job Ban

A ban against persons serving "without compensation" from holding administrative jobs in the War Production Board was contained in regulations covering service of dollar-a-year men laid down today by Donald M. Nelson, W. P. B. chairman.

### Hoffman Hits 'Prevailing Wage' Costs

Representative Hoffman, Republican, of Michigan told the House late today the administration's prevailing wage scale policy under the Bacon-Davis Act would make homes built in Washington for Government war workers at Federal expense cost twice as much as those constructed by private builders.

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

### Nazis to Shift Ukraine Farmers Southward

BERN, Switzerland (AP)—Germany has ordered the transfer of 400,000 Russian farm workers from the Northern to the Southern Ukraine as part of a gigantic food program for 1942. Most workers in the Southern Ukraine were removed with the Russian Army last summer.

### Filipino Awarded Medal of Honor

Award of the Congressional Medal of Honor—the highest military decoration—to a Filipino mess sergeant in the Philippine Scouts was announced today by the War Department. The decoration was awarded to Jose Calugas for conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity in action on January 16 at Culis, in the northeast section of Bataan Peninsula.

### Senate Passes 'Frill-less' O. C. D. Bill

The Senate today passed a \$163,794,819 deficiency appropriations bill carrying \$100,000,000 for the Office of Civilian Defense after the chamber was told that the O. C. D. appropriation had been stripped of "all frills and furbelows."

### G. W. High Defeats Georgetown Prep, 43-35

George Washington High School defeated Georgetown Prep, 43-35, in a basketball game today at the winner's gym in Alexandria. John Showell of Georgetown was the game's high scorer with 20 points.

### Axis U-Boat Sinks Nazi Ship Giving British SOS

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The Admiralty said today that the 5,083-ton German steamer Spreewald was sunk last month by an Axis submarine after first issuing a distress signal identifying herself as the British Royal Mail steamer Britany.

The Admiralty said an SOS was received on the night of January 31 "stating that a ship purporting to be the British Royal Mail steamer Britany had been torpedoed 450 miles north of the Azores."

Soon afterward the distress signal was repeated in German as well as English, giving the same position but the ship's name as the Spreewald, the Admiralty said.

"This ship, which last had been heard of in Yokohama in August, 1941, was on fire and sinking," the Admiralty stated. "A search of the area immediately was ordered. A patch of oil 3 miles wide was found. The Spreewald had sunk."

### Nurse Indicted as Slayer in Drugged Baby's Death

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Irma Twiss, 38-year-old hospital nurse, who police said fatally drugged a 20-hour-old infant with concentrated opium drops, was indicted on first-degree murder charges today by a Bronx County grand jury.

Miss Twiss was arrested February 8 after other nurses at the Bronx Maternity and Woman's Hospital where she worked found the dead child. A second infant, 4-day-old Elizabeth Fantagone, who was said also to have been given the drops, was saved by quick medical aid.

Police quoted Miss Twiss as saying she could not recall the cries of the babies in her charge.

### Gas Light Company Plea Slated to Be Rejected

(Earlier Story on Page B-1.)  
Denial by the Public Utilities Commission of the petition of the Washington Gas Light Co. for a ban on extension of gas heating service not contracted for by February 1 of this year was forecast late this afternoon when Commission Chairman Gregory Hankin said he would vote against it.

This would leave the District subject to the general war production order effective March 1. Gas company officials had urged the local commission to adopt the earlier date because demands for service might increase so much as to endanger continuity of service.

### Foe Could Shell New York City, Roosevelt Says

By the Associated Press.  
President Roosevelt grimly told his press conference today that—under certain conditions—the enemy could shell New York tomorrow or drop bombs on Detroit tonight.

He made that declaration in response to questions.

Reporters informed him there was some concern over the possibility of an attack on Alaska this year and asked whether he thought this was possible.

A thing like that is perfectly possible, Mr. Roosevelt replied.

"Are our air force and Navy sufficient to deal with the problem?" he was asked.

Certainly not, he responded. They, the enemy, could come in and shell New York tomorrow, under certain conditions, or bomb Detroit, also under certain conditions, he asserted.

### Option Taken on Fourth Of St. Louis Browns' Stock

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 17.—New financial support for the sorely pressed St. Louis Browns is being negotiated with prospective investors who have taken an option to purchase about 25 per cent of the club's stock. President Donald L. Barnes disclosed today.

Mr. Barnes, majority stockholder, said control of the team would not change hands as a result of the transaction and the deal would not mean any policy-making reorganization.

"For some time I have been working on the financial program of the Browns," he declared in a statement. "As soon as a definite program is worked out, it will be submitted to the stockholders and directors for their approval. For obvious reasons it is impossible at this time to announce any details or the names of any interested parties."

### Dodgers' Lavagetto Sworn In by Navy

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 17.—Harry (Cookie) Lavagetto, regular third baseman of the Brooklyn Dodgers last year, was sworn into the Navy today as an aviation machinist mate. The 28-year-old infielder asked for duty at the naval base at Alameda, located near his Oakland home. Disposition of his request was withheld.

Dodger executives anticipated Lavagetto's enlistment in the service and last December closed a deal for "Arky" Vaughn with the Pittsburgh Pirates.

### 'Cliveden Set' Here Rebuked for Defeatism

### Roosevelt Describes Capital as Worst Rumor Factory

By JOHN C. HENRY.  
President Roosevelt told a press conference late today that deliveries of American supplies to Soviet Russia will be at full scheduled pace by March 1 with their value to the United Nations' cause measured in dead Germans and smashed tanks.

The President made this promise in the course of administering verbal rebuke to those he called the Cliveden set in Washington for spreading rumors of defeatism and disunity among the nations in the anti-Axis front.

As an effective propaganda antidote for this kind of sabotage, he commended enthusiastically the cartoon by Clifford Berryman in today's Evening Star. It would be well for the country, Mr. Roosevelt said, if this cartoon—illustrating Prime Minister's exhortation of conversational defeatism—could be circulated far and wide.

The President's remarks were prompted by a reporter's assertion that there has been widespread declaration that American naval losses at Pearl Harbor on December 7 were much more serious than was told the public.

Pronouncing himself slightly at a loss to decide on an epithet to apply to such stories, the President said he believed R-O-T would be the best word.

After calling attention then to the Star cartoon, the President said that the defeatists were more numerous in Washington than anywhere else in the United States.

Describing the Capital as the worst rumor factory in the Nation, he said this city is the source of more lies that are circulated and printed than any other community. It was when he was asked about frequent arguments against helping Russia that Mr. Roosevelt referred to a Cliveden set in this city, remarking that such argument is typical of the position found among the Cliveden set. He declined to mention any names of individuals who might be so classified.

The President then said that the additional loan to Russia disclosed today is necessary to keep fighting supplies flowing evenly in the months to come. Asked about reports that such deliveries have been lagging, he admitted there had been a lag in December and January, but that the pace has speeded up since then and by March 1 will be fully up to the mark.

Mr. Roosevelt declined comment on reports that Gen. Douglas MacArthur might be ordered back from the Philippines for a Supreme Command post here.

### Nazis Claim Van Kleffens Had Plans to Kill Hitler

LONDON, Feb. 17.—The German radio tonight charged that Dutch Foreign Minister Eelco N. van Kleffens in 1939 "had in his possession plans for murdering the Fuehrer (Hitler) and Foreign Minister (Von Ribbentrop) and that he attempted to do away with the government of the Reich."

Papers describing the alleged plot were found among the personal effects of former French Premier Edouard Daladier and the former French Minister to the Netherlands, General d'Arnault de Vitrolles, the German radio said.

"Wire pullers of the British government" were behind the "planned murder," the broadcast added. Details of the purported plot were sent to Daladier October 12, 1939, by De Vitrolles, it was said.

De Vitrolles died in 1940 and Daladier is awaiting trial at Riom in connection with the fall of France.

### Late Races

Earlier Results, Rossman's, Other Selections and Entries for Tomorrow on Page 2-X.

### Hialeah Park

FIFTH RACE—Purse, \$1,400; allowance, 4-year-olds and upward; 1 1/4 miles. Contender (Wieland) 11.80 3.20 2.70; Liberty Bell (Hobson) 6.00 3.00 2.80; Big Ben (Arcaro) 4.20 2.80 2.60; Lashaway (George) 4.00 2.80 2.60. Time, 1:11 1/2. Also ran—Ming Legion, Happy Lark, Bossy Servant, Hy-Cop.

SIXTH RACE—Purse, \$1,500; allowance, 4-year-olds and upward; 1 1/4 miles. Sir Martin (Meade) 6.00 3.00 2.80; Sir Martin (Meade) 6.00 3.00 2.80; Sir Martin (Meade) 6.00 3.00 2.80; Sir Martin (Meade) 6.00 3.00 2.80. Time, 1:14 1/2. Also ran—Greedan, Pomiva.

SEVENTH RACE—Purse, \$1,500; claimants, 4-year-olds and upward; 1 1/4 miles. Silver Tower (Young) 6.50 4.20 4.10; Conqueror (Blackell) 7.00 4.10 3.80; Belvoir Chimes (Wieland) 7.00 4.10 3.80. Time, 1:16 1/2. Also ran—Rabane, Jimson Belle, Moia, Hopdown Lass, Unknown Lady.

FAIR GROUNDS

FOURTH RACE—Purse, \$600; claimants, 4-year-olds and upward; 6 furlongs. Just Emil (O'Malley) 7.00 4.00 3.50; Just Emil (O'Malley) 7.00 4.00 3.50; Just Emil (O'Malley) 7.00 4.00 3.50; Just Emil (O'Malley) 7.00 4.00 3.50. Time, 1:03 1/2. Also ran—Velding, Chance Tee, Oniz, Ula, Bane, Coe, Car, Dupich, Dams, Grimm, Winkle, Chero Greenock, 1 Ford.

### Questionnaire To Aid Shift in War Agencies

### Queries to Check On Staffs Available For Defense Units

BULLETIN.  
President Roosevelt late today issued an executive order authorizing the Civil Service Commission to prescribe special procedures and regulations for recruiting and placing Federal personnel during the emergency period.

By J. A. O'LEARY.

Within a few hours after the Senate had passed the Tydings resolution to streamline the Government for defense work, the special Appropriations Subcommittee appointed to carry on the inquiry today met and decided to send a questionnaire to every bureau and division, submitting between 40 and 50 queries designed to determine how many employees can be transferred to essential war agencies through curtailing non-essential activities until the war is over.

Instead of beginning with public hearings, Senator Tydings said, the committee hopes through the questionnaires to get within 30 days a comprehensive picture of the Government setup, with a view to eliminating duplication and overlapping.

Report on Personnel.

Some hearings may be necessary later after the answers to the questionnaire have been analyzed. Senator Tydings said each bureau and subdivision of a department or agency will be asked for a report on its personnel by six-month periods from September 1, 1939—the outbreak of the war—and March 1, 1941. For the past year the personnel data will be called for on a monthly basis.

Senator Tydings again gave assurance of the committee's desire to protect the salary and classification ratings of any employees who may be switched over to defense agency. Earlier in the day Chairman McKellar of the Senate subcommittee now working on the big independent offices appropriation bill let it be known a search is being made in that bill for every possible economy that can be effected, including such items as expenses for publicity and traveling expenses.

Subcommittee Named.

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Chairman Glass of the Appropriations Committee promptly named the following subcommittee to conduct the Tydings inquiry: Senators Tydings, Democrat, of Maryland; McCarran, Democrat, of Nevada; and Holman, Republican, of Oregon.

After his resolution had passed, Senator Tydings told the Senate he was glad the President had issued an executive order directing department heads to make a similar survey of personnel the day after he offered his resolution in the Senate, and gave assurance the Senate subcommittee would co-operate with departments in making the survey.

### Aide Says A. A. U. Supports 'Hale America' Movement

NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—Dan Ferris, executive secretary of the American Athletic Union, said today it was not concerned with criticism of the "Hale America" movement voiced by the Middle Atlantic District of the A. A. U. and is giving it full support.

The Middle Atlantic meeting last night in Philadelphia charged that the "Hale America" movement lacked a definite program, that some of its lesser officials were unfamiliar with athletics and suggested A. A. U. be given charge.

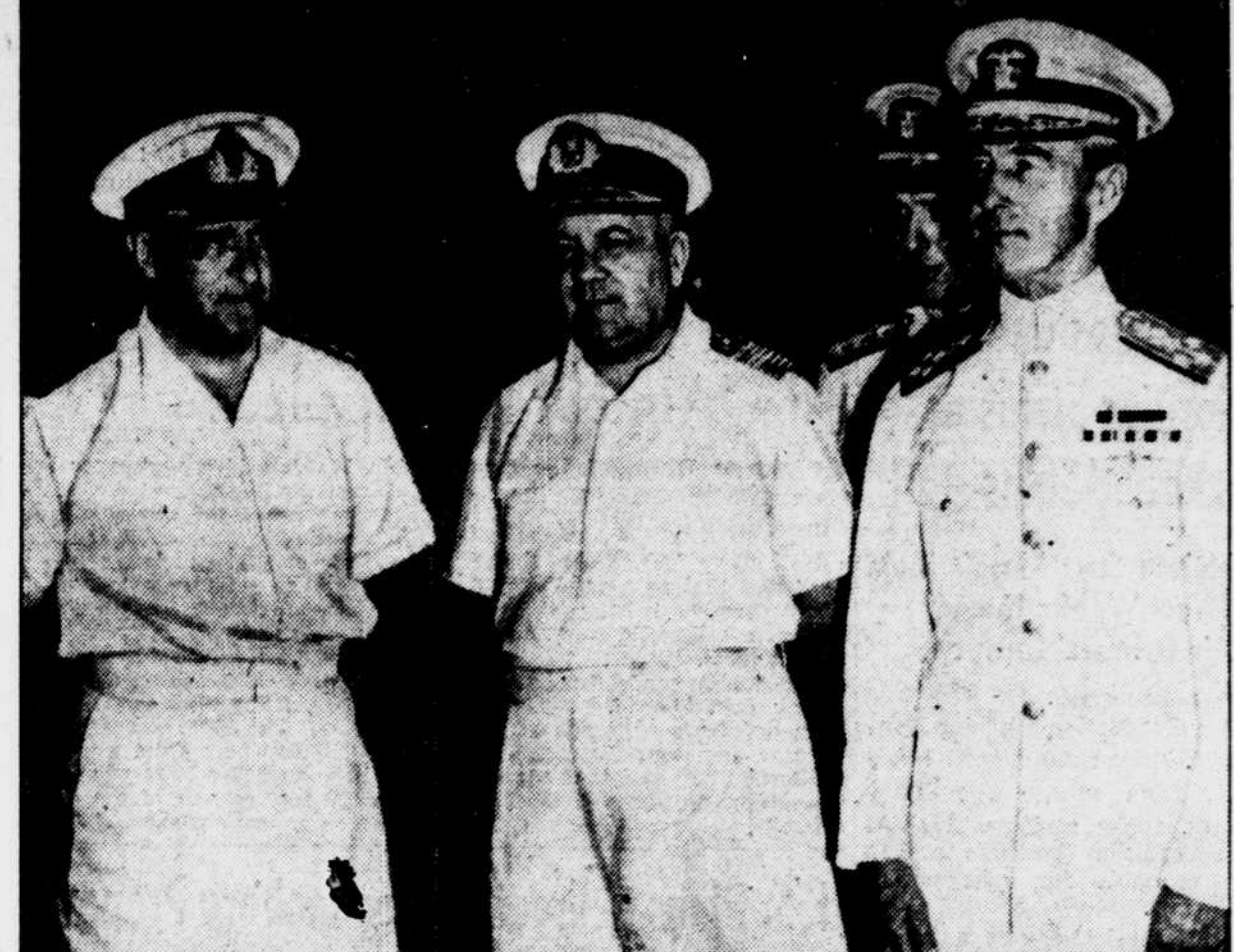
### Salvaged Waste Paper Fire Routs Dupont Circle Workers

Smoke pouring up from a basement trash fire in the Dupont Circle Apartments, headquarters of the Office of Civilian Defense, routed workers from their desks late today and sent them scurrying down 12 flights of stairs to the exits.

The fire alarm sounded on all floors as dense smoke crept up through the elevator shaft and ventilating system.

Guards said the fire was limited to a pile of 25 bags of waste paper which had been set aside in the basement for salvaging.

Guards, fire wardens, Army and Navy officers loaned to O. C. D. went on duty evacuating offices and sending the workers down the fire stairways.



ALLIED NAVAL STRATEGISTS MEET—Leaders of the Allied naval operations in the Southwest Pacific, pictured at a recent meeting at a Netherlands Indies air base. Left to right: British Vice Admiral Sir Geoffrey Layton, Dutch Vice Admiral Conrad E. L. Helfrich, and Americans, Rear Admiral William R. Purnell and Admiral Thomas C. Hart. Since this photograph was taken, Admiral Helfrich has succeeded Admiral Hart as head of the United Nations' Far East Fleets. —Wide World Photo.

### Warned of War Crisis This Spring, House Opens Arms Debate

### Cannon Makes Plea For Appropriations 'Before It's Too Late'

BULLETIN.  
The House passed late today a \$32,070,901,900 appropriations bill—largest in history—to provide munitions and merchant ships for this Nation and war supplies for its allies.

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

House debate on a history making \$32,070,901,900 appropriations bill for arms and military supplies opened today with Representative Cannon, Democrat, of Missouri asserting that the war's crisis would come this spring and critical material must be available by then "or it will be too late."

Speaking against the background of testimony furnished in executive session by high-ranking Army officials, Mr. Cannon, chairman of the Appropriations Committee, solemnly told the House:

"The crisis is coming in the spring of 1942. Japan is consolidating its victories. In Europe and Africa, the enemy is preparing for his greatest push, the supreme offensive. Unless we produce material by that time sufficient to hold the front, it will be too late."

But, he cried out, American industry already has produced "miracles," and "it already has performed the impossible in production."

"We must have planes in sufficient number to darken the sun," shouted Mr. Cannon. "We must produce tidal waves of ships and tanks to crush the enemy."

"We must build and build and build if we are to win the war. The measure provides for arms, lend-lease aid, and construction of Merchant ships at a rate of two a day."

The House was told that "never in all history has a nation been faced with the war costs of the magnitude that confronts us."

### 'I Am' Cult Head Fined \$8,000 for Mail Fraud

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—Mrs. Edna W. Ballard, leader of the "I Am" movement, was sentenced today to pay a fine of \$8,000 for using the mails to defraud.

Her son Donald, convicted with her, was fined \$400. The jury had recommended clemency for him.

### Jap Flag on Map In House Torn Up By Angry Member

Indignant over display of a miniature Japanese flag on a map in the Speaker's lobby of the House, designed to show the progress of the war in the Far East, Chairman May of the Military Affairs Committee this afternoon seized the emblem and tore it to shreds.

The small flag was one of three on an extensive map intended to keep members of the House informed of the war developments in the Far East. There were two other flags on the map—both British.

Mr. May made no comment as he plucked the small flag from the map and tore it up.

### Publisher Tells Jury Viereck Brought Him Lundeen Speeches

### Witness Says Accused Nazi Agent Subsidized His Company

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

Sigfried Hauck, president of a New Jersey publishing company, testified in District Court this afternoon that George Sylvester Viereck, on trial for asserting withholding information from the State Department after he registered as a Nazi agent, brought him two manuscripts which the late Senator Lundeen, Minnesota Farmer-Laborite, later placed in the Congressional Record as extensions of his remarks.

Mr. Hauck, first witness for the Government, said Viereck had subsidized the company, known as Flanders Hall, Inc., of Scotch Plains. One of the manuscripts was titled "Lord Lothian Against Lord Lothian," the witness said. Lord Lothian was the late British Ambassador to the United States. Shown a copy of the Congressional Record which contained the article, Viereck brought him, later published as a booklet. The witness could not recall when he was shown the manuscript with relation to the date it appeared in the Congressional Record.

Speech in Senate Identified.

The Congressional Record showed the late Minnesota Senator had obtained permission to extend his remarks by inserting "pertinent" (See VIERECK, Page 2-X).

### Fire Equipment at Schools In Detroit Tampered With

DETROIT, Feb. 17.—Deputy Supt. of Schools Warren E. Bow reported to the Federal Bureau of Investigation today that fire extinguishers in Detroit public school buildings, especially at schools where defense workers are being trained, have been tampered with.

"I cannot say definitely that it is sabotage, but it has that appearance," Mr. Bow said. He explained that the nozzles of extinguishers were plugged with little sticks, deeply inserted, and that an attempt to use the extinguishers so treated would result in explosions.

Mr. Bow instructed all school principals to make at least daily inspections of all extinguishers in their buildings, but said it would be difficult to find the persons responsible for the tampering because the schools are opened for all kinds of public meetings.

### Barkley Files Motion To Repeal Pensions For Legislators

### Would Suspend Rules, Bringing Issue To A Head Tomorrow

(Earlier Story on Page A-3.)  
Majority Leader Barkley took command today of the drive to repeal the congressional pension feature of the civil service retirement law by filing written notice of a motion to suspend the rules and put the repeal clause in the pending \$163,000,000 deficiency appropriation bill.

A move to suspend the rules must lie over a day, which means the repeal issue may come to a head tomorrow.

The requirement that suspension of the rules lie over until tomorrow could be set aside by unanimous consent, and Senator Barkley indicated he had some hope of accomplishing that, by suggesting the Senate ought to dispose of the question today.

Pensions Defended.

In the most vigorous defense yet made of the inclusion of members of Congress in the civil service retirement system, Senator Clark, Democrat, of Idaho told the Senate late today the country will have less respect for Congress if it hastily repeals the law than if it takes the time to explain and justify the measure.

"Holding on as we are today to our last breath of independence," the Idahoan shouted, "we cannot go before the country and admit that we have sold out. We cannot let our countrymen know that we have sold out."

Senator Byrd expressed gratification the majority leader had joined the group of Senators who first introduced a repeal bill. Senator Barkley said action should be taken promptly to convince the country that Congress is not considering "unwise or frivolous" legislation at this time.

These developments came while Senator Mead, Democrat, of New York, was working on the draft of a compromise, which would keep the pension provision, but require members of Congress to be 65 years old and make back payments to the fund for five years.

"Damaging to Our Moral."

As the Senate began consideration of the deficiency bill, \$100,000,000 of which is for civilian defense air raid equipment, Senator Lee, Democrat, of Oklahoma, promptly injected the pension issue.

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### Isles in Strait Off Northwest Tip Bombed

### Half Billion Damage Done to Oil Fields By Dutch Defenders

(Earlier Story on Page A-1.)

BATAVIA, Netherlands Indies, Feb. 17.—Java's 40,000 people were warned in a government broadcast tonight that, with the Japanese already occupying Palembang in South Sumatra, "the enemy is at the gates of Java and soon will storm these gates."

Java is separated from South Sumatra only by the 20-mile-wide Sunda Strait.

During the day several persons were killed and others wounded when Japanese planes bombed and machine-gunned several small islands in the strait. This was regarded as possibly a preliminary to the expected direct assault on Java.

Public Called to Meet Test.

Charles O. Van Der Plas, member of the Netherlands Indies Council, emphasized in the broadcast tonight that the Japanese are driving ever closer to this heart of the rich archipelago, and then added:

"The population is now called on to meet its test. Much depends on our courage and tenacity."

The Dutch defenders' application of the "scorched earth" policy to oil fields and installations on Sumatra and Borneo in advance of the rushing Japanese has cost about 1,000,000,000 guilders (about \$540,000,000), informed sources estimated tonight.

Refugees reaching here from Palembang, richest of Sumatra's oil-producing areas, said the refineries there had been turned into a blazing inferno and that from miles away they still could hear the explosion of dynamite charges.

The Palembang oil sources alone produced more than 4,000,000 tons a year—making their destruction "the largest voluntary sacrifice in the history of the world," according to the Batavia Nieuwsblad.

The Japanese lost at least 200 pilots in the battle for Singapore, according to information given the Aneta news agency by three Australian flyers who escaped to Java in the final hours of the siege.

The young pilots said that last Saturday, with the Japanese already in possession of the Kelang air base, they repaired their damaged planes in a nearby garage and took off for Java through a hail of enemy machine-gun fire.

More Chinese Troops

Booster Burma Defenses

CHUNGKING, China, Feb. 17.—Movement of a large number of Chinese troops to bolster the United Nations' defense of Burma and the Burma Road is continuing, a military spokesman said today.

He declared the Japanese landed an estimated 30,000 troops at Haiphong, Northern Indo-China port, February 5 and 6. He said the Japanese high command apparently has made extensive preparations for a grand offensive against Burma.

The spokesman said the Japanese already had used two divisions in Burma, and more now would be available from Malaya.

Under artillery cover, Japanese forces have launched a new attack on the Chinese-held town of Yunnan, midway between Chungking and Hankow, the Chungking radio said today in a report received at San Francisco by the Columbia Broadcasting System's short-wave listening station.

### Trains Collide Head-On; Two Reported Killed